

Air Force Academy Has Plenty of Weapons And Grid Savvy

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Editor's Note: This is the eighth of 10 dispatches on the football teams playing in the post-season bowl games.

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Air Force Academy, Colo.—The Air Force Academy Falcons, facing tough Texas Christian university in the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day, have a lot of football weapons and they know how to use them.

The Falcons employed strong passing, running and kicking and a tough defense to score nine victories and one tie this season, their first in major college competition. The Academy has not yet graduated a class.

They tied Iowa, 13-13, with a balanced running and passing attack. Against Oklahoma State, they took to the air brilliantly to win, 33-29. They remained mainly on the ground to crush Wyoming, 21-6; kicked field goals to edge Utah, 16-14, and Denver, 10-7, and recovered enough fumbles to defeat Colorado, 20-14.

Other Victories Easier
The other victories came easier: 37-6 over Detroit, 36-6 over Colorado State University, 16-0 over Stanford and 45-7 over New Mexico.

On paper, they don't appear strong. The biggest man is 217-pound Brock Strom, an All-American tackle. But they claw at an opponent's weak

spots with all their strength, speed and alertness and something usually gives.

Superbly coached by Ben Martin and his staff, the Cadets operate from the winged-T with a man in motion or a flanker. Martin alternates two units and substitutes without fear.

Quarterback is especially strong with Rich Mayo, John Kuenzel and Eddie Rosane, in that order. Mayo, a sophomore from Eureka, Calif., played 266 minutes, completed 98 of 174 passes for 1,019 yards and 11 touchdowns—the fourth best passing mark in collegiate football. Kuenzel played 226 minutes and Rosane, 113.

Leads in Rushing
Steve Gallos, a 184-pound fullback from Napa, Calif., led the team in rushing with 527 yards in 116 carries and six touchdowns. Right halfback Mike Quinlan, 170 of Bayport, Minn., scored the most points, 48, and was second in rushing with 405 yards in 80 carries. He scored on several long runs. Phil Lane, the other halfback, gained 279 yards in 65 tries. He weighs 165 pounds and is a native of San Angelo, Tex.

Mayo, only 5-11 and 170 pounds, is an outstanding punter, while reserve halfback George Pupich has kicked five field goals and made 12 of 16 conversions. The Academy

went for the two-point conversion 17 times and made it 11 times.

Bulwark of Line
Capt. Strom is the bulwark

of the line. Other strong men up front are guards Howard Bronson, 185, and Charles Zaleski, 197; center John Gullledge, 190, and tackle Dave

Phillips, 209. The ends are strong with Bob Brickey, 185; Tom Jozwiak, 210; Charlie Rodgers, 200, and Sam Hardage, 190.

Brockey caught four touchdown passes and Jozwiak two. The Falcons are due to assemble in Dallas today. The 44-man squad broke practice

last Friday for the Christmas holiday, and should be without injuries for the game.

The Academy isn't overconfident.

"That team's pursuit is tremendous," Coach Martin said of TCU. "Especially, I think it's tremendous for so big a team as TCU."

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East One Touchdown Favorites Saturday

San Francisco - (UPI) - East meets West in the 34th renewal of the Shrine classic before 60,000 fans in Kezar stadium Saturday—with the boys from the other side of the Mississippi installed as one-touchdown favorites.

East coach Duff Daugherty of Michigan State announced that his starting offensive lineup would be: Bob Ptacek, Michigan, quarterback; Don Clark, Ohio State, left half; either Dick Haley, Pitt, or

Tom Lorino, Auburn, at right half; and Nick Pietrosante, Notre Dame, fullback.

The West was expected to start Lee Grosscup, Uta h, quarterback; Lou Burton, Arizona State, left half; Boyd Bowler, Colorado, right half; and Nub Beamer, Oregon State, fullback.

The teams will run through light and final workouts today. West coach Jack Curtice of Stanford was expected to announce his lineup after the workout.

Thursday both squads worked out in the morning, then attended a Christmas party in the afternoon.

"We had one of our best workouts," said Milt Bruhn of Wisconsin, assistant East coach. "We spent a full hour on offense and even got in a half hour on defense. That makes a total of one and one-half hours we've had on defense since we got here."

The West had its longest workout of the season—a full two hours. It was announced that Buddy Dial injured an ankle in Wednesday's workout, but there is no fracture. Dual Duties

Loss of Dial threw a crimp into some of the West plans. Bill Steiger, the versatile Washington State ace, will be called on to perform both offensively and defensively in the backfield and probably on defense at end, as a result of Dial's injury. There is a good chance the lad from the North may play most of the game.

While Grosscup and Ptacek will get the starting call at quarterback, Bobby Newman of Washington State for the West and Frank Kremblas of Ohio State for the East are expected to see nearly as much action.

The same holds true for the other backs. Right behind Clark in the East backfield is Wray Carlton of Duke. Tom Lorenzo of Auburn is close on the heels of Haley; and Jon Hobbs of Wisconsin will share the fullback duties with Pietrosante.

Yesterday the West selected Grosscup and guard, Charley Horton of Baylor as co-captains.

Ducks Meet Xavier

Norman, Okla. - (UPI) - Oregon's basketball team runs into the tourney favorite tonight in his first round of the 23rd annual All-College mee here.

Coach Steve Belko's Ducks meet Xavier of Ohio which won the National Invitational Tournament last year in New York City.

Other teams in the tournament meet Xavier of Ohio which Green, Wichita, Tulsa, Duquesne, San Francisco and Oklahoma City.

Play continues Saturday with the final games on Monday.

Belko is expected to start Denny Strickland, Dale Heron, Stu Robertson, Bud Kykendall and Chuck Rask.

Iowa Noted In Good Shape

Pasadena, Calif. - (UPI) - The University of Iowa football team will get back to work today after a Christmas holiday.

Iowa, which has been drilling twice each day at East Los Angeles college, will resume on a one-a-day basis this afternoon. Coach Forest Evashevski indicated after Wednesday's workout that Iowa looked sharper than in any session since its arrival last week.

With the exception of end Curtis Merz, Iowa personnel is in good shape for the Rose Bowl game with California on New Year's Day.

Banks Breaks League Record

New York - (UPI) - Ernie Banks of the Cubs broke a major league record, a lot of seats in the stands and plenty of pitchers' hearts in winning the National league's slugging crown for 1958.

Banks was far and away the league's top slugger with a .614 average, according to official figures released today. Willie Mays of the Giants finished second with .583, and was followed by Hafk Aaron of the Braves with .546, and Frank Thomas of the Pirates and Stan Musial of the Cardinals, each of whom slugged .528.

HOOP BAND WINS

Coral Gables, Fla. - (UPI) - Hoop Band, the favorite of 12,563 fans, scampered to a one-length victory Thursday in the \$11,525 Christmas Handicap at Tropical Park. Air Pilot was second and Little Porter finished third.

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